

**Minutes of School District Called Board Meeting
Board of Trustees
West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District
September 18, 2006
6:00 p.m.**

The Board of Trustees of the West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District met in a Called Board Meeting Monday, September 18, 2006 beginning 6:00 P.M., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 505 N. 15th St., Orange, TX 77630. Harry Barclay presided.

Members Present:	Harry Barclay, Pete Amy, Kevin Hebert & Nancy Byers
Members Absent:	Eric Mitchell, Shirley Martin & Mary Fontenot Hardin
School Personnel:	Dr. O. Taylor Collins, Chrissy Hickman, Margaret Duchamp, Jane Stephenson, Bonnie Tegge & George Barron
Invocation:	Pete Amy
Pledge:	The pledge of allegiance was recited.
Guest:	Mike Mason & Paul Hardin
5. Audience with Patrons	None
6. Superintendent's Report	Very pleased to announce that students and teachers are working very hard. Enrollment is increasing and is now at 2685. Band class at Oates Elementary is doing well. Dual Credit at the High School is getting started. QZAB projects are almost complete.
7. Discussion of Consent Agenda Items for Regular Board Meeting on September 25, 2006 a. Consider Approval of Bid Property b. Consider Approval of 2006 Tax Rate c. Consider Approval of Textbook	No questions Item (b) will be removed from the consent agenda items for the 9/25/06 agenda. Harry Barclay stated under House Bill 1 the Tax Rate is usually \$1.32, we are allowed to add an additional 4 cents to the Tax Rate without voter approval. We have an option due to the hurricane to set the Tax Rate higher for this one year (\$1.488); this would not require a rollback election. Mr. Barclay recommendation is to go with House Bill 1 at \$1.366 and give the taxpayers a break. Pete Amy stated that if we don't start making the adjustments now that next year with the Tax Rate going down to \$1.00 as predicted it would be terrible. Jane Stephenson stated that this is for the new 8 th grade speech. Will get a copy of this book for the Board Members to view.

Adoption	
8. Finance – Information: a. Financial Statements b. Tax Collection Report	Pete Amy questioned the negative amount of 16,766 in other administration. Chrissy Hickman will check this out
9. Facilities – Action Item: a. Roofing Repairs	Pete Amy motioned to award the roofing repairs to Merit Construction Co. (Repair of: High School. Main Campus, Athletic Center, Career Center and Middle School small gym) Harry Barclay seconded the motion Motion passed unanimously
Executive Session Reconvened to Regular Session	None
11. Personnel – <u>Action Item for September 18, 2006:</u> a. Approval of Substitutes	Pete Amy motioned to approve substitute list as presented Kevin Hebert seconded the motion Motion passes unanimously
Adjourned	6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:
Harry Barclay, President

ATTEST:
Kevin Hebert, Secretary